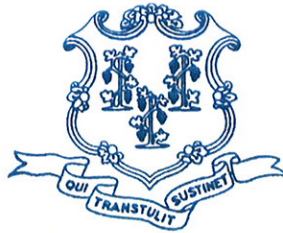


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By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

## Official Statement

WHEREAS, work has been called the finest expression of the human spirit; and

WHEREAS, given the thousands of occupations in Connecticut's economy, planning a career can be formidable; and experts agree that the ongoing process of career development is essential for all individuals to maximize their personal potential, as well as for the continued health of our economy; and

WHEREAS, career development is necessary for children as they expand their awareness of the world of work, for youth exploring educational and career options, and for adults faced with a workplace of challenge, change and the need for life-long learning, it is clear that informed decision-making and planning are keys to career success; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut's engine of prosperity is firmly rooted in the tradition of Yankee ingenuity; and to respond to the current economic situation, we must work with our schools and communities to provide the career development services needed by our citizenry and by doing so, we will spark Connecticut's spirit of innovation and growth – our State's hallmark; and

WHEREAS, this year, many organizations will sponsor activities to support the celebration of National Career Development Month, including: the Connecticut State Departments of Economic and Community Development, Education, Higher Education, Labor and Social Services; Connecticut Career Resource Network; Connecticut Employment and Training Commission; Office of Workforce Competitiveness; Connecticut Community Colleges' College of Technology Regional Center for Next Generation Manufacturing; Connecticut State Library; Connecticut Business and Industry Association Education Foundation; Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, Inc.; Connecticut Voices for Children; Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund; Campaign for a Working Connecticut; Aerospace Components Manufacturers; Connecticut's Manufacturing Cluster Initiative; Connecticut's Insurance and Financial Services Cluster; CURE-Center of Connecticut's Bioscience Cluster; Connecticut Technology Council; Connecticut Hydrogen Fuel Cell Coalition; Maritime Coalition; Connecticut Agriculture Business Cluster; Connecticut Hospitality Education Foundation; Connecticut Restaurant Association; Connecticut Career Counseling and Development Association; Connecticut School Counselor Association; Connecticut Association for Counselor Education and Supervision; and Connecticut Counseling Association; and

WHEREAS, the goals of these institutions include informing the public about career development services and how to utilize them, publicizing where services are available and building public understanding of the importance of career development; now

THEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, in recognition and support of these goals and in tribute to those professionals who provide career guidance, counseling and development services in a variety of settings, do hereby proclaim November 2008, as

**CAREER DEVELOPMENT MONTH**  
in the State of Connecticut.



*M. Jodi Rell*  
Governor